

families with adoption-related expenses. He also regularly counsels others who are considering beginning or working their way through the adoption process. Finally, he and his wife have found fulfillment in adoption, adopting both domestically and internationally.

I commend him for his leadership and his selfless service to unite children with loving families. I'm proud to recognize his effort and accomplishments. And I ask my colleagues today to join with me in honoring Keith and the other Angels who are working to create a better life for children all around the world.

NATIONAL MEDIA FACE CREDIBILITY VOID

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the national media don't have a credibility problem; they have a credibility void.

Five out of six Americans see the national news media as "very or somewhat biased," according to a new poll by Sacred Heart University. Six out of seven Americans say the media have their own political and public policy positions and attempt to influence opinion and policy.

Nearly nine out of ten Americans say the media played a strong role in electing Barack Obama as President. Seven in ten say the national media are intent on promoting the Obama presidency. And a majority say the media are promoting the White House's health care plan without criticism.

The poll found that biased reporting is driving away the media's audience. Almost half of Americans have stopped watching a news outlet because of media bias.

If the national media want to keep their remaining audience, they need to restore Americans' trust by giving them the facts, not telling them what to think.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY ACT OF 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 685) to require a study of the fea-

sibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 685

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Civil Rights Trail Special Resource Study Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY REGARDING PROPOSED UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.

(a) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a special resource study for the purpose of evaluating a range of alternatives for protecting and interpreting sites associated with the struggle for civil rights in the United States, including alternatives for potential addition of some or all of the sites to the National Trails System.

(b) *CONSULTATION.*—The Secretary shall conduct the special resource study in consultation with appropriate Federal, State, county, and local governmental entities.

(c) *STUDY REQUIREMENTS.*—The Secretary shall conduct the study required under subsection (a) in accordance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)) and section 5(b) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(b)), as appropriate.

(d) *STUDY OBJECTIVES.*—In conducting the special resource study, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives for achieving the following objectives:

(1) *Identifying the resources and historic themes associated with the movement to secure racial equality in the United States for African Americans that, focusing on the period from 1954 through 1968, challenged the practice of racial segregation in the Nation and achieved equal rights for all American citizens.*

(2) *Making a review of existing studies and reports, such as the Civil Rights Framework Study, to complement and not duplicate other studies of the historical importance of the civil rights movements that may be underway or undertaken.*

(3) *Establishing connections with agencies, organizations, and partnerships already engaged in the preservation and interpretation of various trails and sites dealing with the civil rights movement.*

(4) *Protecting historically significant landscapes, districts, sites, and structures.*

(5) *Identifying alternatives for preservation and interpretation of the sites by the National Park Service, other Federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, including the potential inclusion of some or all of the sites in a National Civil Rights Trail.*

(6) *Identifying cost estimates for any necessary acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives developed under the special resource study.*

(e) *REPORT.*—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report containing the results of the study conducted under subsection (c) and any recommendations of the Secretary with respect to the route.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We must never forget the struggle for racial equality that spanned our Nation in the 1950s and the 1960s nor the people who waged that fight to obtain basic civil rights for all Americans.

The many sites linked to the civil rights movement together tell the story of how it profoundly transformed our history.

H.R. 685, as amended, authorizes the National Park Service to complete a Special Resource Study to analyze alternatives and make recommendations for the preservation and the interpretation of these multiple sites, including a possible national Civil Rights Trail linking the sites with common maps, signs, and educational material.

Mr. Speaker, we commend our distinguished colleague, Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY, for his vision and dedication to this legislation. We support passage of H.R. 685 and urge its adoption by the House today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 685 has been adequately explained by chairwoman BORDALLO, and we thank her for that effort.

We support the legislation with the understanding that the original intent of the bill is being preserved. The National Park Service proposed changes that would have prevented the program from focusing on the history of the movement to overcome slavery and racial discrimination and instead would have directed it to include other political causes, and we appreciate that change.

We agree with the intent of the bill's sponsor, Mr. CLAY, that the trail system tells the story of the struggle for civil rights based on racial equality. We thank Mr. CLAY for his leadership and efforts on those lines and in bringing this bill forward.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the author of this legislation, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY).

Mr. CLAY. First of all, I thank the chairwoman, Ms. BORDALLO, as well as the ranking member, Mr. WITTMAN, for their assistance on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as the sponsor of this legislation, along with Congressman ZACH WAMP of Tennessee, I am pleased to present H.R. 685 for consideration by